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Art Unit 3634

Examiner Name Gregory J. Strimbu

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| Signature | <i>James R. Young</i> |
| Date | March 3, 2006 |

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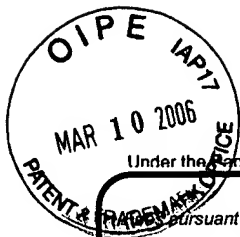
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FEE TRANSMITTAL

For FY 2005

☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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| Filing Date | 3-21-2001 |
| First Named Inventor | Garry Holcomb |
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| Application Type | FILING FEES | | SEARCH FEES | | EXAMINATION FEES | | Fees Paid (\$) |
|------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| | Fee (\$) | Small Entity Fee (\$) | Fee (\$) | Small Entity Fee (\$) | Fee (\$) | Small Entity Fee (\$) | |
| Utility | 300 | 150 | 500 | 250 | 200 | 100 | |
| Design | 200 | 100 | 100 | 50 | 130 | 65 | |
| Plant | 200 | 100 | 300 | 150 | 160 | 80 | |
| Reissue | 300 | 150 | 500 | 250 | 600 | 300 | |
| Provisional | 200 | 100 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES**Fee Description**

| | Fee (\$) | Small Entity Fee (\$) |
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| Each claim over 20 (including Reissues) | 50 | 25 |
| Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues) | 200 | 100 |
| Multiple dependent claims | 360 | 180 |

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| Total Claims | Extra Claims | Fee (\$) | Fee Paid (\$) |
| - 20 or HP = | x | = | |

HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20.

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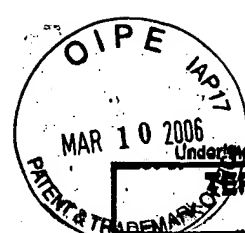
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| Name (Print/Type) | James R. Young | Date March 3, 2006 | |

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Docket Number (Optional)
18458-050 (MKSI.50USU1)

In re Application of: Holcomb et al.

Application No.: 09/815,376

Filed: March 21, 2001

For: COMBINATION DIFFERENTIAL AND ABSOLUTE PRESSURE TRANSDUCER FOR LOAD LOCK CONTROL

The owner, MKS INSTRUMENTS, INC. of 100 percent interest in the instant application hereby disclaims, except as provided below, the terminal part of the statutory term of any patent granted on the instant application which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term prior patent No. 6,872,171 as the term of said prior patent is defined in 35 U.S.C. 154 and 173, and as the term of said prior patent is presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer. The owner hereby agrees that any patent so granted on the instant application shall be enforceable only for and during such period that it and the prior patent are commonly owned. This agreement runs with any patent granted on the instant application and is binding upon the grantee, its successors or assigns.

In making the above disclaimer, the owner does not disclaim the terminal part of the term of any patent granted on the instant application that would extend to the expiration date of the full statutory term as defined in 35 U.S.C. 154 and 173 of the prior patent, "as the term of said prior patent is presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer," in the event that said prior patent later:

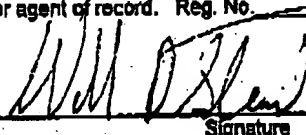
- expires for failure to pay a maintenance fee;
- is held unenforceable;
- is found invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction;
- is statutorily disclaimed in whole or terminally disclaimed under 37 CFR 1.321;
- has all claims canceled by a reexamination certificate;
- is reissued; or
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Signature

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Date

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William D. Stewart, Vice President and General Manager
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STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)Applicant/Patent Owner: Garry Holcomb et al.Application No./Patent No./Control No.: 09/815 378 Filed/Issue Date: March 21, 2001Entitled: COMBINATION DIFFERENTIAL AND ABSOLUTE PRESSURE TRANSDUCER FOR LOAD LOCK CONTROLMKS Instruments, Inc.a corporation

(Name of Assignee)

(Type of Assignee: corporation, partnership, university, government agency, etc.)

states that it is:

1. ☒ the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest; or
2. ☐ an assignee of less than the entire right, title and interest
(The extent (by percentage) of its ownership interest is _____ %)

In the patent application/patent identified above by virtue of either:

- A. ☒ An assignment from the inventor(s) of the patent application/patent identified above. The assignment was recorded in the United States Patent and Trademark Office at Reel _____, Frame _____, or a true copy of the original assignment is attached.

OR

- B. ☐ A chain of title from the inventor(s), of the patent application/patent identified above, to the current assignee as follows:

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- ☐ Additional documents in the chain of title are listed on a supplemental sheet.

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The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

William D. Stewart

Signature

3-02-06

Date

William D. Stewart

Printed or Typed Name

303-449-9861

Telephone Number

Vice President and General Manager

Title

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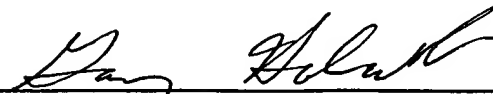
WHEREAS, We, Garry Holcomb, 4425 Brookfield, Boulder, Colorado 80303; Youfan Gu, 3322 W. Torreys Peak Drive, Superior, Colorado 80027; James Stafford, 25751 Village circle, Golden, Colorado 80401; James Mueller, 907 Acadia Avenue, Lafayette, Colorado 80026; and Stacy Wade, 206 Valley Vista Lane, Boulder, Colorado 80302, have invented a certain new and useful COMBINATION DIFFERENTIAL AND ABSOLUTE PRESSURE TRANSDUCER FOR LOAD LOCK CONTROL, for which a provisional application for Letters Patent was filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on March 22, 2000, and assigned Serial No. 60/191,223;

WHEREAS, MKS Instruments, Inc., of Six Shattuck Road, Andover, Massachusetts 01810, a corporation fully organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest therein and thereto;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it known that for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and certain other good and valuable consideration to me in hand paid, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, We, the said Garry Holcomb, Youfan Gu, James Stafford, James Mueller, and Stacy Wade, by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto the said MKS Instruments, Inc., its successors, legal representatives and assigns, the entire rights, title, and interests in and to the said invention and the aforesaid patent application, for the territory of the United States of America and for all foreign countries and to all Letters Patent, continuations, reissues, and extensions to be obtained therefore; and we further agree to cooperate with the assignee hereunder in the obtaining and sustaining of any and all such Letters Patent, but at the expense of said assignee.

We do further agree to execute all applications for patent, assignments, and other appropriate documents and to perform all acts and to do all things necessary to make this Agreement effective and to perfect all right, title and interest in and to said discoveries, improvements or inventions in MKS Instruments, Inc., its successors, legal representative and assigns, as the assignee of the entire right, title and interest therein.


IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We have hereunto set our hands and affixed our seals on the dates
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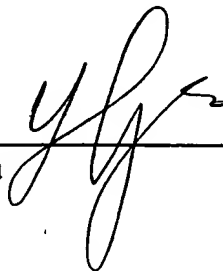

Garry Holcomb

STATE OF COLORADO)
)ss.
COUNTY OF BOULDER)

Before me, a Notary Public in and for the said County and State, personally appeared GARRY HOLCOMB, known to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 22 day of MARCH, 2001.

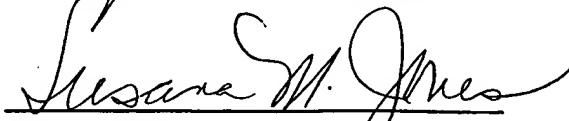
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Notary Public


Youfan Gu

STATE OF COLORADO)
)ss.
COUNTY OF BOULDER)

Before me, a Notary Public in and for the said County and State, personally appeared YOUNFAN GU, known to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 22 day of MARCH, 2001.

(SEAL) 
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 4-21-2002

James Stafford
James Stafford

STATE OF COLORADO

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COUNTY OF BOULDER

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Before me, a Notary Public in and for the said County and State, personally appeared JAMES STAFFORD, known to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 22 day of March, 2001.



Cecil A. Kennedy
Notary Public

James Mueller
James Mueller

STATE OF COLORADO

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Notary Public
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Stacy Wade
Stacy Wade

STATE OF COLORADO

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COUNTY OF BOULDER

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